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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MATERIALS FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO BRAZIL

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1. FOLLOWING IS A DRAFT STATEMENT FOR USE BY THE PRESIDENT
AS A TOAST AT PRESIDENT GEISEL'S WORKING DINNER:

"AS THE SECOND CARTER TO VISIT BRAZIL THIS YEAR (AND THIS
TIME BOTH OF US ARE HERE).I CANNOT BUT RECALL THAT FIVE YEARS AGO
ROSALYNN AND I TOGETHER WERE FIRST INTRODUCED TO BRAZIL AT A
LESS INTENSE, MORE LEISURELY PACE. FIVE YEARS IS A SHORT TIME,
BUT THE RESOURCEFUL BRAZILIAN PEOPLE, UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, HAVE
CARRIED THIS BOUNTIFUL COUNTRY FORWARD,DESPITE THE VICISSITUDES
OF A CONSTANTLY CHANGING WORLD.IN THE DETERMINED PURSUIT OF
BRAZIL'S OWN PLACE IN THE SUN--AND, I MIGHT ADD, YOUR CAST AN EVER
LARGER SHADOW--THE PEOPLE OF THIS DYNAMIC COUNTRY ARE PROVIDING AN
EXAMPLE

OF WHAT MEN AND WOMEN, DEDICATED TO SECURING THEIR CHILDRENS'
NATURALS INHERITANCE, CAN DO TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES AND EXPLOIT
ADVANTAGES.

"WE SEE CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF THE CREATIVENESS, THE DYNAMISM
AND THE ENTERPRISE OF YOUR PEOPLE IN THIS MONUMENTAL MODERN
CAPITAL, WHICH STANDS TODAY WHERE LESS THAN A GENERATOON AGO THERE
WAS ONLY EMPTINESS OF THE VAST CENTRAL PLAIN, THEN AS YET

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UNCHALLENGED BY YOUR MODERN PIONEERS. SOME MAY NOT RECOGNIZE
THE BEAUTY I SEE IN THE RED SOIL THAT SURROUNDS BRASILIA, BUT MY
NATIVE GEORGIA HARBORS SOIL OF THE SAME COLOR. I KNOW PER-
SONALLY THE LABOR IT TAKES TO MAKE THAT RED SOIL FRUITFUL. AND
I KNOW THE KIND OF STRONG AND DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN A
NATION MUST POSSESS TO MAKE SUCH LAND BLOOM. YOUR HERITAGE IS THE
SHARED EXPERIENCE OF MY LAND AND OF MY PEOPLE.

"AS IN BRAZIL, THE PAST FIVE YEARS HAVE BROUGHT FORTH GREAT CHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES. I REPRESENT A GENERATION OF AMERICANS WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO SEEK TO IMBUE THE POLITICAL LIFE OF THE UNITED STATES WITH A NEW APPRECIATION OF TRADITIONAL AMERICAN, INDEED WESTERN, VALUES AND IDEALS AND TO REFLECT THOSE PRINCIPLES IN THE CONDUCT OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.

"OUR MESSAGE IS AS SIMPLE AS IT IS BASIC--WE BELIEVE FIRMLY IN THE SANCTITY AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL, AND WE SEEK TO PROVIDE HIM WITH GUARANTEES NECESSARY FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY AND THE SECURITY NECESSARY FOR THE REALIZATION OF HIS POTENTIAL. ABOVE ALL, WE SEEK TO PROTECT HIM FROM DESTRUCTION BY THE TECHNOLOGICAL FRUITS OF HIS UNBOUNDED INGENUITY. AS YOU WELL KNOW, MR. PRESIDENT, I BELIEVE WE HAVE SOMEWHAT DIFFERING PERSPECTIVES ON SOME ASPECTS OF THESE ISSUES. WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THOSE DIFFERENCES WITH CANDOR THIS AFTERNOON AND THIS EVENING. AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR FRANK AND INSTRUCTIVE PRESENTATION OF YOUR VIEWS, AND I HOPE THAT THE OPINIONS THAT I HAVE EXPRESSED HAVE BEEN EQUALLY HELPFUL TO YOU IN UNDERSTANDING OUR POSITION.

"OUR TALKS WHICH HAVE RANGED OVER A VERY BROAD SPECTRUM, HAVE REINFORCED MY EARLIER BELIEF THAT OUR DIFFERENCES ARE NOT SO MUCH OVER FUNDAMENTAL GOALS AS THEY ARE OVER MEANS. I JUDGE THAT THEY ARE SUBJECT TO AMICABLE RESOLUTION, AND THAT THEY ARE BY NO MEANS PERMANENT.

"UNDERLYING OUR CURRENT TRANSITORY DIVERGENCES IS A ROCK-
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BOUND FOUNDATION OF PERMANENT FRIENDSHIP AND OF MUTUAL RESPECT. THE STABILITY OF OUR HISTORIC RELATIONSHIP WILL PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR A REAFFIRMATION AND A STRENGTHENING OF OUR RELATIONS IN THE FUTURE. AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE CONSULTATIONS THROUGH WHICH OUR GOVERNMENT HAVE CONDUCTED THEIR RELATIONS IN RECENT TIMES WILL BE IMBUED WITH SAME FRANKNESS AND RECIPROCAL RESPECT WITH WHICH YOU AND I HAVE APPROACHED THESE DIFFICULT MATTERS IN THE VERY BENEFICIAL TALKS WE HAVE JUST CONCLUDED.

"MR. PRESIDENT, I COME WITH ROSALYNN TO DISCUSS MY VIEWS WITH YOU AND TO MANIFEST OUR GOOD WILL AND THAT OF OUR PEOPLE TOWARD YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF BRAZIL. WE SHARE A SPECIAL WARMTH FOR THIS COUNTRY BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS VISIT, BUT PERHAPS ESPECIALLY BECAUSE WE HAVE RELATIVES BURIED HERE, FUGITIVES FROM A DIVISIVE WAR HERE WOUNDS, SOME COMMENTATORS SAY, WERE ONLY TOTALLY HEALED WHEN A PEANUT FARMER FROM GEORGIA WAS ABLE TO BE ELECTED TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES. MY FATHER AND MOTHER HAD A DREAM FOR THEIR CHILDREN: THAT THEY COULD JUSTLY PROSPER FROM THE FRUITS OF THEIR OWN LABOR AND INGENUITY. PERHAPS ESPECIALLY IN THE NEW WORLD OF THE AMERICAS CAN PARENTS DARE TO HAVE THESE DREAMS FOR THEIR CHILDREN: OF LIBERTY, OF PROSPERITY, AND OF PARTICIPATION IN THE SEARCH FOR THEIR NATIONAL DESTINY. THESE DREAMS ARE CERTAINLY THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PEOPLES OF

BRAZIL AND THE UNITED STATES. INDEED, THEY REFLECT A UNIVERSAL OPTIMISM IN MAN'S ABILITY TO OVERCOME THE STULTIFYING NATURE OF SYSTEMS ALIEN TO OUR SHARED TRADITIONS. THEY REPRESENT THE ULTIMATE DESIRE OF ALL MEN EVERYWHERE.

"AS I ONCE AGAIN EXPRESS TO YOU MR. PRESIDENT, MY GRATITUDE FOR THE MANY COURTESIES YOU HAVE SHOWN ME, I ASK THIS COMPANY TO JOIN ME IN RAISING OUR GLASSES IN SALUTE TO THE STRONG AND ENDURING TIES OF AMITY WE SHARE TO THE COMMON PRINCIPLES WE PROMOTE IN AN EVER MORE INTERDEPENDENT WORLD, TO THE NOBLE EFFORTS OF ALL BRAZILIAN TO REALIZE THEIR COUNTRY'S GREAT PROMISE, AND TO THE SUCCESS AND PERSONAL WELL-BEING OF MRS. GEISEL AND OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL."

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